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Welcome!

The County of Los Angeles is pleased to offer you the first annual publication of the *Athens-Westmont* **CONNECTION** — an information and community resource guide prepared especially for your community! Inside this guide, you will find valuable information on County services and resources. You will also find a “*Directory of Services*” with telephone numbers to various County departments and other agencies that will help you report problems or request services such as graffiti removal.

We hope that you enjoy the *Athens-Westmont* **CONNECTION** and encourage you to share your comments and suggestions by contacting the Chief Administrative Office, Office of Unincorporated Area Services and Special Projects via e-mail at uas_sp@cao.lacounty.gov. Your responses and comments will assist us in our endeavor to serve you better.

Thank you.

LIVING IN ATHENS-WESTMONT Meet Your Local Government

Athens-Westmont is located within unincorporated Los Angeles County. This means that Athens-Westmont is not a city, but is one of the many unincorporated communities in which the County is responsible for providing all municipal services such as law enforcement, animal control, road maintenance, library services, and recreation activities. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors serves as your “City Council.” Residents who live in Athens-Westmont are represented by the Second District of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The Second District maintains a field office at the Inglewood Courthouse, located at One Regent Street, Room 620, Inglewood, CA 90301.

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS ON HOW YOU CAN IMPROVE THE ATHENS-WESTMONT COMMUNITY:

Use Your Athens-Westmont Connection! Use this guide as a resource to become better informed about how to access County departments and services.

Share Your Knowledge! Tell your friends and neighbors about County departments and County services.

Get Involved! Work with an existing resource, like the Southwest Community Association, the Sheriff's Neighborhood Watch program, and the Second District, or start your own neighborhood meeting, and work in partnership with county government.

If you have questions or need assistance accessing County services,
please contact the Second District at **(213) 974-1028**.

**SOUTHWEST
COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION**

**"A United Effort for the
Betterment of Our Community"**

The Southwest Community Association was started on June 2, 1980. The purpose of the Southwest Community Association is to involve residents like yourselves in the civic and economic issues that affect the quality of life, security, property values and general well-being in the Athens-Westmont community.

Participation in the Southwest Community Association is voluntary, but very strongly encouraged. The Association's officers and planning board members volunteer their time and expertise to monitor and address the issues, needs and concerns of the Athens-Westmont community on an ongoing basis.



The Southwest Community Association meets the 2nd Monday of each quarter at 6:30 p.m. For more information, or if you are interested in becoming an active member of the Southwest Community Association, please send a postcard or letter with your name, address, home and/or business telephone numbers to Henry Porter Jr., President of the Southwest Community Association, at the following address:

Southwest Community Association
P.O. Box 47898 • Los Angeles, CA 90047

Meet the President

Henry Porter, Jr. has served as the President of the Southwest Community Association since its inception in 1980. An avid community activist, Mr. Porter has worked tirelessly to empower the residents of Athens-Westmont by providing information on how to access County services and other resources within the community. Mr. Porter is also an active participant on various committees, task forces and commissions that directly impact the quality of life in the Athens-Westmont community. He looks forward to your joining his effort by becoming an active participant in the Southwest Community Association and other organizations in the community.

*What's Happening
in Athens-Westmont!*

There are several community improvement projects underway in Athens-Westmont. Below is a brief description of those projects:

**New County Multi-Service Facility
Coming to the Athens Community**

The County is completing the design of a new Sheriff Station, Probation District Office and Building and Safety field office in the Athens area. This new facility will replace the existing building located at the Southeast corner of the intersection of Imperial Highway and Normandie Avenue. The new 33,600 square-foot Sheriff station will have a fueling station, heliport, and vehicle maintenance facility. A separate 30,000 square-foot facility will house the Centinela Area Probation Office and a field office for the Building and Safety Division of the Department of Public Works. Construction is expected to start in the summer of 2007.

**105th Street Senior Housing Project-
Proposed Development**

The proposed project involves the development of a 70 unit building with affordable rental housing on six parcels. The approximately 1.4 acre site is located at South Normandie Avenue and 104th Street and West 105th Street within the unincorporated community of Athens-Westmont. Each rental unit will be approximately 600 square feet. The project will also include development of a community center of up to 5,000 square feet and a Community Development Commission office. One vacant single family home and two vacant government office buildings would be demolished. A portion of the alley between 104th and 105th Streets may be vacated and or redirected to accommodate the project. Offsite improvements may include pavement repair, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and utilities.

**Road Improvement Project-
Normandie Avenue**

The resurfacing of Normandie Avenue from 102nd Street to Imperial Highway, and Imperial Highway from Western Avenue to Vermont Avenue is currently in the design phase. The total project cost is estimated at \$3.9 million and is scheduled to commence in spring 2007.

What's Happening in Athens-Westmont!

Take a Dip-Enjoy the Pool at Jesse Owens Park!

Completed on March 6, 2004, this \$5.9 million pool renovation project has produced one of the signature facilities in the Athens-Westmont community. This state-of-the-art facility boasts a new 25 meter competition pool, and a fully accessible 19,000 square foot pool building with glorious exterior landscaping.

Improvements Coming to Helen Keller Park!

At an estimated total project cost of \$6 million, major improvements are slated for Helen Keller Park; including concrete repairs, replacement of wooden picnic tables and benches, grills, and the park monumental sign. The existing pool complex has undergone a major renovation and is accessible to persons with disabilities. Additional improvements will be made to the playground area, basketball courts, baseball field, and two parking lots. Completion of this improvement project is expected in the fall 2008.

Sound Insulation Program

The CDC is beginning its next phase of Sound Insulation in the Athens-Westmont Community beginning in the highest impacted areas that are affected by noise generated by Los Angeles International Airport. The program will be installing sound rated windows and doors, attic insulation, electrical panel upgrades, and a heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. The program will be mailing out letters to property owners inviting them to participate as funds become available. If you would like additional information and reside in the Athens-Westmont community, please call Valerie Duplessis at (323) 890-7242.

New Property Tax Portal

The offices of the Assessor, Auditor-Controller, Treasurer and Tax Collector, and Assessment Appeals Board have developed a new Website designed to provide taxpayers with an overview and to answer the most common questions related to property taxes and assessments. In addition, the new site offers detailed information on how to read tax bills and contact the various County offices involved in the assessment and tax process. Please visit the site at <http://lacountypropertytax.com> for additional information.

Protecting Your Property Values- Nuisance Abatement Team (NAT)

The County has stepped up its code enforcement efforts in Athens-Westmont by creating a Nuisance Abatement Team (NAT) involving multiple County departments that will focus on incidences involving multiple violations. Departments involved in this effort include Public Works, Regional Planning, Fire, Public Health/Environmental Health, Sheriff; and the District Attorney. Other County agencies such as: Animal Care and Control and the Treasurer and Tax Collector/Business Licensing Division are a contacted as needed. The NAT Team will coordinate joint inspections at a location to investigate multiple nuisance conditions at commercial and residential properties such as:

- Junk and salvage
- Storage of inoperable vehicles
- Room additions without proper permits
- Vermin infestation
- Animal cruelty
- Lack of running water

To report multiple, serious property or business code violations to the NAT, you can write, or fax your complaint to Fred Canales, NAT Coordinator, as listed below:

Fax (323) 586-6526 or write to:

Department of Public Works
Building and Safety Division-Field Office
7807 S. Compton Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90001



Before



After

What's Happening in Athens-Westmont! CONTINUED

New Spay/Neuter & Microchip Ordinance

In an effort to improve public safety and reduce the number of stray dogs overwhelming the County of Los Angeles Animal Care and Control shelters, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors enacted the Spay/Neuter & Microchip Ordinance on June 1, 2006. It requires that all residents of unincorporated areas have their dogs spayed or neutered and have an identification microchip implanted. The requirements effect dog(s) over the age of four months. The compliance grace period from June 1, 2006 to March 1, 2007 has now expired. All dogs must be spayed or neutered by March 2, 2007 unless they meet certain "exemption requirements." To find out about the requirements for exemption from this ordinance or for information on reduced costs to spay/neuter your dog, dog licenses, and senior citizens discounts, call the Department of Animal Care and Control at **(562) 256-7104** or visit the Website at <http://animalcontrol.lacounty.org>. Through this site, you will also be able to send an email to the Department to request additional information.

Free Microchips Available

Free microchips and lifetime registration, a \$60 value, is being offered to dog owners residing in areas that are serviced by the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control. Weekly Clinic schedules are available at your local shelter.

If your dog has already been spayed or neutered and has a previously implanted identification microchip, you must submit the dog's microchip number to the Department of Animal Care and Control to be in compliance with the ordinance. Forms to record previous implanted microchip information are available on the Department Website at <http://animalcontrol.lacounty.org> or you may call **(562) 256-7104**.

During the months of May, June and July of 2007, microchips will also be offered in conjunction with low-cost vaccinations clinics that are hosted by the Department. For information on the dates and locations of these clinics, you may visit the Website or contact the Carson Animal Shelter, located at 216 W. Victoria Ave., Gardena.

VISIT HELEN KELLER PARK!

1045 West 126th Street • Los Angeles, CA 90044

(323) 241-6702

Hours:

Monday through Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Helen Keller Park is a 6.6 acre facility, consisting of a small community room with a kitchen, lighted basketball courts and a lighted baseball diamond. The park is named after Helen Keller, known as "the first lady of courage," who was born in Tuscumbia, Alabama on June 27, 1880. At the age of 19 months, she lost her sight and hearing as a result of meningitis. Her pilgrimage from Tuscumbia to worldwide recognition, is an inspiring story which took her from silence and darkness to a life of vision and advocacy. Against overwhelming odds, she waged a seemingly impossible battle to re-enter the world she had lost. There are numerous programs and events that you can participate in at this local park.

Aerobics Class

18 years and over

Mondays, Wednesdays

and Fridays

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Year Round

Fee: \$10 per month per person

After School Program

7 to 15 years

Monday through Thursday

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Year Round

Fee: Free of charge

Computer Class

7 to 15 years

Monday through Thursday

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Year Round

Fee: Free of charge

Drama, Acting and Dance *8 to 15 years*
 Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Year Round
 Fee: Free of charge

Gang Abatement *10 to 18 years*
 Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Year Round
 Fee: Free of charge

Pride Honor Discipline *10 to 17 years*
 Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Year Round
 Fee: Free of charge

Summer Day Camp *6 to 12 years*
 Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 June 2007 through August 2007
 June 2008 through August 2008
 For fee information, please call the park.



Summer Lunch *1 to 18 years*
 Monday through Friday 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 June through September
 Fee: Free of charge

Snack Program *1 to 18 years*
 Monday through Friday 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Year Round
 Fee: Free of charge

Teen Club *13 to 18 years*
 Fridays 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Year Round
 Fee: \$20 registration fee

Tennis Programs *8 to 13 years*
 Mondays and Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Year Round
 Fee: Free of charge

Toastmasters *10 to 18 years*
 Sundays 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Year Round
 Fee: Free of charge

Youth Baseball *5 to 15 years*
 Monday through Friday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.(practice)
 Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (games)
 March 2007 through July 2007
 March 2008 through July 2008
 Fee: \$20 per child

Youth Basketball *5 to 15 years*
 Monday through Friday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m (practice)
 Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (games)
 December 2007 through March 2008
 March 2008 through July 2008
 Fee: \$20 per child

Youth Cheerleaders *5 to 15 years*
 Monday through Friday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.(practice)
 Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (games)
 August 2007 through January 2008
 Fee: \$20 per child

Youth Flag Football *5 to 15 years*
 Monday through Friday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.(practice)
 Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (games)
 August through December 2007
 Fee: \$20 per child



VISIT HELEN KELLER PARK!

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Domino Tournament *18 years and over*
 February 2008 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Fee: Free of charge
 For exact date, please call the park at **(323) 241-6702**

Halloween Program *All ages*
 October 31, 2007
 Wednesday 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Fee: Free of charge

Thanksgiving Dinner *All ages*
 November 2007 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Fee: Free of charge
 For exact date, please call the park at **(323) 241-6702**

Christmas Dinner and Toy Giveaway *All ages*
 December 23, 2007
 Sunday 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Fee: Free of charge

TONS OF FUN AT JESSE OWENS PARK

9650 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90047
(323) 241-6704 (323) 241-6708 (pool)

Hours:
 Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 (June through August)
 Friday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Formerly named Sportsman Park, the park was renamed after one of the most celebrated Olympians of all time, Jesse Owens, who won four gold medals in the 1932 Berlin Olympics. Jesse Owens Park is located at the intersection of Western Avenue and Century Boulevard, and provides you with multiple recreational activities such as baseball, flag football, basketball, soccer and tennis. Jesse Owens Park also has a modern indoor swimming pool facility offering you opportunities to participate in aquatics and aerobic recreational activities. This 20-acre facility also has an adjacent 9-hole, par 3 golf course - the Maggie Hathaway Golf Course.

Activities

Adult Aerobics *18 years and older*
 Monday and Wednesday 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
 Fee: Free of charge Year Round

Aquatic Aerobics *18 years and older*
 Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Fee: Free of charge Year Round

Community Meetings *All ages*
 First Wednesday of each month 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Fee: Free of charge Year Round

Family Night *All ages*
 Last Friday of each month 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Fee: Free of charge Year Round

Summer Day Camp *6 to 12 years*
 Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 June 2007 through August 2007
 Fee: \$50 per week for each child, no registration fees

MAGGIE HATHAWAY GOLF COURSE

9637 South Western Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90047

Telephone: Reservations (323) 755-6285

Course Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Course Features:

Beautiful pitch and putt course with rolling fairways.
Par 27/1,008 yards.

Men/Women: Par 27/1,008 yards

Facility Features:

Practice Pitching Area with Bunker
Practice Putting Green
Snack Bar



YOUTH PROGRAMS- LEARN TO PLAY GOLF!

The First Tee of South Los Angeles-Junior Golf Program

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
April 14th 2007 - Oct. 20th 2007

For more information on the First Tee of Los Angeles Junior Golf Program, please call Maggie Hathaway Golf Course.

Summer Lunch

18 years and under

Monday through Friday 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
July 2007 through August 2007
Fee: Free of charge

Tackle Football

7 to 14 years

Monday through Friday 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
July 2007 through November 2007
Fee: Ranges from \$140 to \$200 per person
For registration information, start date, and additional information, please call the park at (323) 241-6704

USTA Tennis

6 to 12 years

Wednesdays and Thursdays 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Year Round (Time subject to change)
Fee: \$10 for registration (No other cost involved)

Women's Basketball

18 years and older

Thursdays 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Year Round
Fee: \$25 per person, plus the cost of uniforms
For registration information and start date, please call the park.

Special Events

Black History Month Program

All ages

February 2008
For dates and times of programs, please call the park.

Thanksgiving Community Dinner

All ages

Tuesday 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
November 20, 2007
Fee: Free of charge

Toy Give-a-Way

All ages

Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
December 22, 2007
Fee: Free of charge

Call the park at (323) 241-6704 for additional information on the above activities and events.



PLAY A ROUND AT CHESTER WASHINGTON GOLF COURSE

1930 West 120th Street • Los Angeles, CA 90047

Telephone: Reservations/Pro Shop (323) 756-6975

Course Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Course Features:

Regulation 18-hole course featuring level terrain, two lakes and large trees.

Men: Par 70/6,321 yards

Women: Par 73/5,673 yards



Facility Features:

- Banquet facilities
- Coffee shop
- Driving range
- Practice pitching green
- Two practice putting greens
- Cocktail lounge
- Pro shop
- Club rentals
- Cart rentals
- Golf instruction

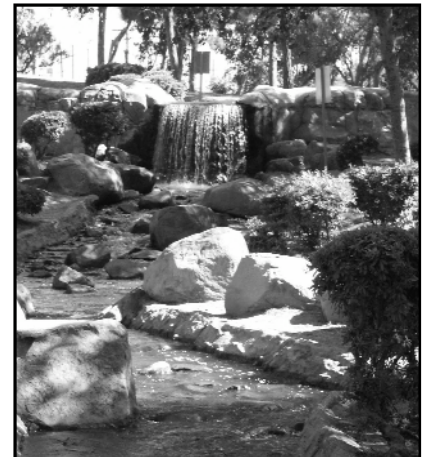
SPEND THE DAY AT KENNETH HAHN RECREATION AREA

4100 South La Cienega Boulevard • Los Angeles, CA 90056

(323) 298-3660 Fax: (323) 291-8958

Park Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Kenneth Hahn State Regional Park is comprised of 1,300 acres of hilly terrain offering you excellent opportunities for hiking or leisurely nature walks. You can enjoy fishing at the man-made lake, picnicking at any one of a number of picnic sites, and your children can play at one of the park play areas. There is a community center open for questions and help every day. The park is beautifully landscaped commemorating the area that once served as housing and training grounds for the 1932 Olympics, with 140 trees, each representing a nation that took part in the 1984 Olympics.



FACILITIES:

- Baseball diamonds
- Children play areas
- Japanese garden
- Fishing lake
- Group picnic areas
- Hiking trails
- Picnic tables with BBQ grills
- Scenic views of Los Angeles County

SPECIAL EVENTS

Family Fun Fishing Derby

All ages

September 14, 2007

Fee: Free of Charge



RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

Walking Club

All ages

Schedule is created by the Club monthly

Meetings on the third week of the month in the Community Room

Fee: Free of Charge

THE FOLLOWING EVENT IS NON-COUNTY SPONSORED:

Walking Club Toy Drive

All ages

November through December 2007

Fee: Free of Charge

This event is sponsored by the Walking Club Volunteers. For more information about toy collection, please call the park office at (323) 298-3660.

For all questions regarding existing and future events, please call the park office.



Los Angeles County Department of BEACHES AND HARBORS

13837 Fiji Way • Marina del Rey, CA 90292
(310) 305-9545

MARINA DEL REY 2007 SPECIAL EVENTS

4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza 2007

Wednesday, July 4th
9:00 p.m.

Burton Chace Park
13650 Mindanao Way
Marina del Rey

Admission is FREE.
Arrive early to get the best possible viewing spots.



Marina del Rey Summer Concerts 2007

Thursdays and Alternate Saturdays 7:00 p.m.

Burton Chace Park
13650 Mindanao Way • Marina del Rey



Four classical concerts, featuring brilliant young soloists with the 75-piece Marina del Rey Summer Symphony, conducted by Frank Fetta, are held on Thursday evenings. Pop concerts, featuring stars of the jazz and pop worlds, are held on alternate Saturday evenings. Recent stars have included Davis Gaines, Patti Page, Judy Collins, Sheila E, Cleo Laine and John Dankworth, Doc Severinsen, and Patti Austin. **Admission is FREE.** Please call for dates.

Discover Marina del Rey Day 2007

Sunday, October 7th 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Burton Chace Park
13650 Mindanao Way
Marina del Rey

This is a community event for the entire family. The event includes live music, information booths, games and inflatables, refreshments, marionette shows, a pumpkin patch, and a simulated helicopter rescue by the United States Coast Guard and Los Angeles County Fire Department. **Admission is FREE.**



Marina del Rey Holiday Boat Parade 2007

Main Parade:
Saturday, December 8th 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Saturday parade begins with a burst of fireworks at 5:55 p.m. Festively decorated boats illuminate the Marina's main channel in one of the Marina's most visually exciting events. Come and see this year's boats beautifully decorated for the holiday season. Best places to view the parade include Burton Chace Park located at 13650 Mindanao Way or Fisherman's Village at 13755 Fiji Way. **Admission to the event is FREE.**

New Year's Eve Fireworks 2007

Monday, December 31st 11:59:30 p.m. to 12:05 a.m.

Fireworks will light up the sky over Marina del Rey to ring in New Year's Eve. Beginning at 11:59 and 30 seconds, as each second passes, one firework will be shot into the air, counting down to midnight when the show continues for an additional 5 minutes. Best places to view the fireworks are Burton Chace Park, located at 13650 Mindanao Way, and Fisherman's Village at 13755 Fiji Way. Fireworks may also be viewed throughout the Marina.

Admission is FREE.

Visit the Los Angeles County Museum of Art!

5905 Wilshire Boulevard • Los Angeles, CA 90036
(323) 857-6000 • www.lacma.org

LACMA

For those interested in a memorable day trip, come and explore more than 100,000 works of art at LACMA, the largest encyclopedic museum in the West. Through its far-reaching collections, the Museum is both a resource to and a reflection of the many cultural communities and heritages in Southern California.

Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday: 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

LACMA is open every day except Wednesdays, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Admission

Members	FREE
Adult	\$9.00
Seniors (62+)	\$5.00
Students 18+ (with ID)	\$5.00
Children (under 17)	FREE

After 5:00 p.m. and the second Tuesday of each month, general admission to the galleries is **FREE**.

LACMA Program Offers Free Admission TO YOUTH 17 AND UNDER!



Arts for NexGen LACMA offers free admission to anyone 17 and under as well as one accompanying adult. To join, visit the LACMA box office or print the enrollment form and mail it in. For more information call (323) 857-6512 or visit www.lacma.org.

Among the many NexGen offerings are:

- Family Sundays
- Art camps, classes, and workshops
- Free audio tour
- An annual evening exhibition opening just for teens
- Inspired: A Selection of Student Artwork
- Interactive exhibitions at the Boone Children's Gallery
- **NexGen Films** - The annual Los Angeles International Children's Film Festival is held at LACMA



LACMA presents

Sundays Live

FREE SUNDAY EVENING CONCERTS AT THE LACMA

Sundays Live presents weekly classical chamber music concerts and recitals by premier professional artists from Southern California and around the world. These one-hour concerts are presented free to the public at 6:00 p.m. on Sundays in the Leo S. Bing Theater at LACMA, and are broadcast live over K-Mozart 105.1 FM. No tickets or reservations are required and all are welcome! For more information, visit www.sundayslive.org.



Museum of Natural History

900 Exposition Blvd.(between Vermont and Figueroa) • Los Angeles, CA 90007

(213) 763-DINO

www.nhm.org

On the first floor, on both sides of the Museum's trademark "Dueling Dinosaurs" skeletons, are African and North American diorama halls filled with exotic mammal specimens in natural habitats. Science-themed galleries display birds, marine life, dinosaurs, prehistoric fossils, gems and minerals. History-themed sections depict life in California and the Southwest from 1540-1940, U.S. history from the Colonial period through 1914, and pre-Colombian archaeology. The hands-on Discovery Center allows children to handle a variety of specimens and explore a vast Insect Zoo. Outside the Museum's south lawn, visitors can stroll through the Pavilion of Wings, an enclosed habitat for living butterflies. In the fall, when the butterflies are gone, the Spider Pavilion opens, and orb weaving spider varieties busily spin their webs in another living exhibit.



Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday and Holidays: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Museum is closed New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Admission is **FREE** on the first Tuesday of every month.

Admission

Members	FREE
Adult	\$9.00
Seniors (62+)	\$6.50
Students 18+ (with ID)	\$6.50
Children (13-17 yrs)	\$6.50
Children (5-12 yrs)	\$2.00
Children (under 5)	FREE

THINGS TO DO

First Fridays

All ages

First Fridays of the month. Times to be determined.

Admission prices vary.

First Fridays is a discussion and performance series that elaborates on the issues raised by the Museum's current exhibits.

For more information, visit www.nhm.org/firstfridays or call (213) 763-DINO.

Adventures in Nature

Pre-K - 8th Grade

This special hands-on summer camp is a fantastic way to encourage your child's interest in nature and science. Classes are created to give children the opportunity to explore the earth's features, creatures and cultures.

For more information, visit www.nhm.org/register or call (213) 763-3348.

Critter Club

3 - 5 years

Year Round

Second Saturday of the month 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Critter Club events are **FREE** with paid museum admission.

These popular events combine education about nature and science with fun. Events are available on a first-come, first-served basis. No reservations are required. For more information, please contact the Discovery Center at (213) 763-3230.



Museum of Natural History CONTINUED

Page Museum
La Brea Tar Pits



GROUP OVERNIGHT ADVENTURES

6 - 13 Years

The Natural History Museum's Overnight Adventure Sleepover Program takes place at the **Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County** and the **Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits**.

Price: \$43 per person

What it includes:

- Light snack
- Museum patches
- Rotations of fun and educational activities at night led by Museum educators
- Light breakfast
- Museum admission (after the 9:30 a.m. checkout)
- An exciting and fun opportunity to spend the night in a cool Museum, surrounded by fossils!



Camp Goo @ The Page Museum

Come spend an exciting night at the Tar Pits and get stuck in all sorts of great gooey activities. Take a special flashlight tour of the Tar Pits, go on a Museum-wide scavenger hunt, make sticky crafts and more!!

Dates:

September 7-8, 2007 for Boys
November 2-3, 2007 for Girls

October 12-13, 2007 for Boys
December 7-8, 2007 for Girls

Camp Dino @ The Natural History Museum

At this action-packed overnight, your group will be junior paleontologists as they learn all about dinosaurs! We will meet some live dino relatives, play prehistoric games and make real casts of dinosaur fossils to take home!

Dates:

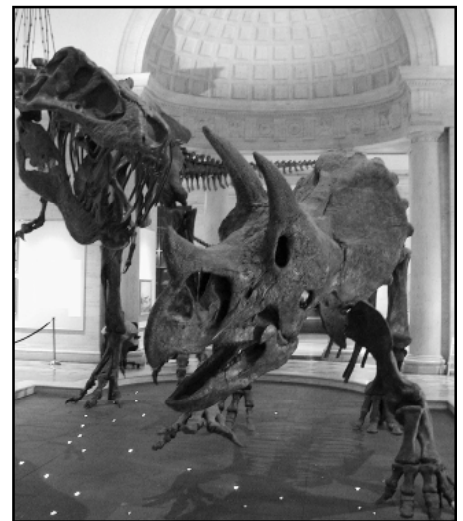
October 19 to 20, 2007 for Girls
November 16 to 17, 2007 for Boys & Girls
December 14 to 15, 2007 for Boys

Camp Earthquest @ The Natural History Museum

Jump into a time machine and take off in search of some of Earth's finest treasures - dinosaurs, insects, gems and more! Your group will get up close and buggy with some cool insects, learn cool facts about the dinosaurs, make a fossil cast, explore the Museum galleries and spend the night at an awesome Museum surrounded by fossils and artifacts!

Dates:

September 14-15, 2007 for Girls September 28-29, 2007 for Boys



Call (213) 763-3535 or www.nhm.org for availability, pricing information, and registration.

Woodcrest Library

1340 West 106th Street • Los Angeles, CA 90044

(323) 757-9373

www.colaplib.org/libraries/woodcrest

HOURS

Monday through Friday	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	closed



The library was founded in 1913 and housed in the Woodcrest School. It moved to various locations in the community until the present location was opened in 1967. We invite you to come and take part in the many services and programs in your County Library. Programs are **FREE**. Please call the Library for more information.

Children's Programs and Services

A Family Place

The library provides a five-week information and play sessions for parents/caregivers and their infants and toddlers with a dedicated space for free play.

School Age Story Time and Crafts

Every Tuesday 3:30 p.m.
Located in the children's room

Homework Center

Four computers with educational and word processing software are provided, along with Internet access and staff assistance with homework for children.

Daily 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Cinema Saturday

Every Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Located in the children's room

Children's Summer Reading Club

Please call the library for program dates and times.

Young Adult Programs and Services

Anime Club

Meets monthly 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Teen Craft Program

Held monthly.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Meets monthly to discuss the selection of Young Adult materials, including books, movies, music, and magazines.

Young Adult Summer Reading Club

Please call the library for dates and times.

Adult/Family Programs

- Used book sales twice a year in April and December.

Special Programs/Holiday Programs

Each year, Woodcrest Library offers special programs, including winter holiday programs.

LIVE HOMEWORK HELP!
EVERY DAY FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.



You've got homework. We've got help.

FREE online help from real tutors.

Click here.

If you have a child who is a student in grades 4 through 12, they can connect to live tutors through the Internet. All they need is a County Public Library card. Expert tutors from Tutor.com will provide homework assistance in English, Math, Social Studies, and Science during designated hours in English or Spanish. Live Homework Help is available in County libraries on any public access Internet computer as well as from home computers. Live Homework Help is funded by a grant from the S. Mark Taper Foundation and can be accessed at www.librarytutor.org.



Protect Your Pets!! Department of Animal Care and Control Carson Shelter (Serving Athens-Westmont)

216 W. Victoria Ave. • Gardena, CA 90248
(310) 523-9566
<http://animalcontrol.lacounty.gov>



Shelter Hours:

Monday - Thursday:	12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.
Friday - Saturday:	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sundays & Holidays:	Closed

Emergency Services are available 24 hours a day,
7 days a week

Services include:

- Investigations when animal cruelty is suspected
- Transportation of injured animals for veterinary treatment
- Investigation of complaints about dangerous dogs or excessive barking
- Issuance of pet licenses
- Provision of emergency evacuations during natural disasters
- Retrieval of stray and deceased animals
- Provision of low-cost dog vaccination and licensing clinics



Please contact the Carson Shelter to request service or if you have any questions relating to licensing and care of dogs, cats or other pets.

Lost Pets: Any stray animal found within the Athens-Westmont area is brought to the Carson Shelter. Pet owners are encouraged to visit the shelter in person to identify lost pets. Be sure to bring identification to prove ownership.

Animal Abandonment: You are subject to a \$1,000 fine or six months in jail for abandoning any animal.

Adopt A Pet: If you are considering bringing a pet into your family, please consider a shelter pet. The County's shelters have animals of all shapes and sizes looking for that special someone to come and adopt them. Adoption fees for first time adoptions are \$32 for cats and \$37 for dogs. Fees include the pets initial vaccinations, spay or neutering and a microchip.



Office of Traffic Safety

To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Services



TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services administers the "Office of Traffic Safety" Program through Community-Based Organizations.

This program is designed to improve community awareness and participation in occupant/child passenger safety, as well as overall pedestrian and traffic safety by providing traffic safety education programs, safety equipment, and community events. Low-income residents who reside in Los Angeles County are eligible to attend these programs. To obtain further information regarding the Office of Traffic Safety Program, please call the Broad Spectrum Community Development Corporation at (310) 693-6505.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures

The Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures provides environmental and consumer protection through the enforcement of Federal and State laws and County ordinances in the areas of health, safety, and consumer concerns, including the following:

Pesticide misuse or illness investigations	(626) 575-5466
Weed and brush abatement	(626) 575-5484
Rubbish removal	(626) 575-5484
Utility meter (gas, water, electric) inspections/complaints	(800) 665-2900
Scale inspections/consumer complaints (markets, delis, etc.)	(800) 665-2900
Packaged goods inspection (short weight, count, measure, etc.)	(800) 665-2900
Gasoline station consumer complaints	(800) 665-2900
Scanner overcharge complaints/investigations	(800) 665-2900
Recycling scale complaints/investigations (aluminum cans, etc.)	(800) 665-2900
Pest control information/services	(626) 575-5462
Weed control information/services	(626) 575-5462
Coyote threats	(626) 575-5462
Pest or insect identification	(562) 940-7234
Plant disease information	(562) 940-7236
Bee complaints	(800) 925-3800
Substandard produce/egg complaints	(562) 940-7803
Fruit or plant transportation into or out of Los Angeles County	(562) 940-7803

For more information, visit <http://acwm.co.la.ca.us>

Visit Los Angeles County Certified Farmers' Markets!

Los Angeles County is home to 89 certified farmers' markets, the largest population of such markets in any California county. Certified Farmers' Markets (CFMs) provide a wonderful opportunity for you to sample a remarkable array of fresh produce, herbs, living plants, and agricultural products straight from the farm.

Enjoy California-fresh produce in your neighborhood each week. Some nearby CFMs are listed below. For more locations, visit <http://acwm.co.la.ca.us> or call (562) 940-7803.

Gardena	Hollypark Methodist Church Parking Lot 13000 S. Van Ness Avenue and 1700 W. 162nd St. at La Salle	Saturdays	Year Round	6:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
		Wednesdays	Year Round	9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Los Angeles	Leimart Park Village, Degnan & 43rd St. off Crenshaw Boulevard Harabee, 5730 Crenshaw Boulevard, north of Slauson Avenue	Saturdays	Year Round	9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
		Saturdays	Year Round	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Westchester	6200 Block W. 87th St. between Sepulveda Eastway & Truxton Avenue	Wednesdays	Year Round	6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Child Support Services Department

621 Hawaii Street • El Segundo, CA 90245

Customer Service Call Center (323) 890-9800

<http://cssd.lacounty.gov>

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Child Support Services Department



The Child Support Services Department (CSSD) offers the following services free of charge:

- Locating parents; establishing paternity (legal fatherhood)
- Establishing and modifying court orders for child support
- Collecting and distributing court-ordered support
- Working with other counties, states and countries to obtain child support

NEED HELP WITH YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS?

Turn to the County of Los Angeles Community Development Commission

2 Coral Circle • Monterey Park, CA 91755

(323) 890-7001

Email: info@lacdc.org <http://www.lacdc.org>



The Community Development Commission (CDC) administers various programs that provide financial and technical assistance if you are seeking to buy or repair a home, start a business, and/or expand your business. The following is a list of residential and business opportunities available to you through the CDC.

Residential Opportunities

- The Home Ownership Program provides down-payment assistance to low-income, first-time homebuyers in purchasing a home. Please call the CDC Information Line at (323) 890-7281 and leave your name and mailing address. Information will be mailed to you as soon as possible.
- The Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) Program offers first-time homebuyers a Federal income tax credit. This tax credit reduces the amount of Federal taxes the holders of the certificate would pay and can help first-time homebuyers qualify for a loan. For more information on how to apply, contact a CDC MCC Program Specialist at (323) 890-7034.
- The Single Family Grant Program assists low-income qualified owners with funds for repairs such as electrical, plumbing, heating, roofing, and elimination of code violations. Property must be in the unincorporated areas of LA County. For more information, call (323) 890-7239.

Business Opportunities

Business Loan Programs are available to a wide range of businesses, large and small, commercial to industrial. A variety of low-interest loans includes the following:

- County Business Loan Program
- County Technology Loan Program
- County Utility Loan Program
- County Float Loan Program
- County Development Loan Program

For additional information, contact the Community Development Commission at (323) 890-7044.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

The Children's Collective, Inc.

7518 S. Vermont Avenue • Los Angeles, CA 90044

(323) 752-2115

www.childrencollective.org

Are you between the ages of 14 and 21 and need assistance with employment and/or education services? If so, the LA County Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Services program may be what you are looking for! The WIA Youth Program offers the following services:

- Paid and unpaid work experience
- Tutoring
- Adult mentoring
- Leadership skills training
- Guidance and counseling
- Support services
- Alternative secondary school skills
- Summer employment
- Occupational skills
- 12-month post-program follow up

To be eligible, you must be:

- A US citizen or an eligible non-citizen
- Between 14 and 21 years of age
- Low-income (family receives public assistance, meets poverty guidelines, homeless, foster child, or disability)
- A resident of the geographic area served by the County Workforce Investment Area, and who has one or more of the following at risk characteristics:
 - a. Deficient in basic skills
 - b. School drop-out (out of school youth)
 - c. Homeless, or runaway, or foster child
 - d. Pregnant or parent
 - e. Offender
 - f. Requires additional assistance to complete an educational program or to secure and hold employment, including emancipated youth, youth with disabilities, youth with limited English proficiency, or youth with a family of chronic unemployment history.

To find out more about the LA County WIA Youth Program in your area, please call The Children's Collective, Inc. at **(323) 752-2115**.

New Health and Human Services Website!



www.LACountyHelps.org

The LACountyHelps.org Website provides a safe, secure, confidential way for County residents to research and see if they are potentially eligible for a variety of helpful services and benefits. Users will receive interactive contact information with links to local County offices which provide the services and driving directions to their offices.

Services included on the site are:

- Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, Healthy Kids
- Child Health and Disability Prevention Program
- In-Home Supportive Services
- Child care resources and referral information
- Foster family recruitment
- Adoption services

The Website is designed to be easily navigated and includes a video tutorial demonstrating basic computer skills and how to use the site. The site is available in both English and Spanish, with plans to expand to other languages in the near future.

FIRST 5 LA UNIVERSAL PRE-SCHOOL

Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) is an independent public benefit corporation, created in 2004 and funded by First 5 LA - the commission established by Proposition 10. LAUP's goal is to make voluntary, high-quality preschool available to every 4-year-old in Los Angeles County, regardless of their family's income by 2014.

Enrollment procedures remain the responsibility of each individual preschool, so you should contact them directly to apply on behalf of your child. Also note that, while LAUP funds preschools that serve families of all income levels, some LAUP programs, such as Head Start centers or employer-based preschools, must follow certain regulatory controls that restrict enrollment based on income or other factors.

To find out more about LAUP, visit **www.laup.net** or call **(213) 416-1200**.



Community and Senior Services

The Department of Community and Senior Services coordinates and supports a wide range of services to you as a resident of the Athens-Westmont Community. You can call the following telephone numbers for assistance,

24-Hour Elder Abuse Hotline	(877) 477-3646
Domestic-Violence Hotline	(800) 978-3600
Dispute Resolution Program	(213) 738-2621
Senior Information and Assistance	(800) 510-2020
WorkSource California	(888) 266-6300
(Provides individuals with resources to obtain employment)	

Senior Centers

The Willowbrook Senior Center

12915 S. Jarvis Avenue • Los Angeles, CA 90061

(310) 603-3358

Roland Yorke, Director

CENTER PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

- Nutrition Program provided by Old-Timers Foundation
- Braille Institute Blind Program
- UCLA Diabetes Class
- Bet Tzedek Legal Aide Program
- Title V Senior Employment Program for those aged 55 (+)
- Field trips
- Fitness room
- Millinery class
- Computer class
- ESL class
- Quilting class
- Sewing
- Line dance classes: beginning, intermediate, advanced.
- Group transportation
- Exercise class
- Game room
- Spanish class
- Arts and crafts
- Woodshop
- Clogging
- Tennis

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Health fairs and workshops
- Senior observance of African American History Week
- Information and referral fairs
- Juneteenth celebration
- Dry food distribution
- Easter egg hunt for neighboring Day-Care Center
- Viewing of plays, concerts and other cultural events
- Elder abuse and consumer fraud
- Income maintenance workshops

For more information on Willowbrook Senior Center programs and schedules, please call (310) 603-3358.

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

L.A. Urban League WorkSource Business and Career Center

12700 South Avalon Blvd. • Los Angeles, CA 90061

(323) 600-1106

Hours: Monday through Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The WorkSource Center provides a full range of employment-related services including:

- Job placement
- Job search
- Education
- Job development
- Case management
- Supportive services
- Access to fax and copiers
- Computer training
- Interview techniques
- Resume preparation

For more information on WorkSource Center programs and services, please call (323) 600-1106.

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

OFFERS SERVICES TO THE ATHENS-WESTMONT COMMUNITY
THROUGH ITS DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATION



In an effort to better serve the communities in Los Angeles County, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) offers many of its traditional services, such as requests for copies of birth, death and marriage records, through District office locations.

Currently, there are six RR/CC District offices located throughout the County, with one of those offices in close proximity to the Athens-Westmont community. Located at 11701 S. La Cienega Blvd., on the 6th Floor, the LAX Courthouse District office offers the following services:

- Accepts requests and processes full copies of birth, death and marriage records
- Issues marriage licenses (same day service to 3:00 p.m.)
- Performs marriage ceremonies (Fridays, by appointment only)
- Records real property documents (8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.)
- Provides certified copies of real estate records
- Provides notary oaths (by appointment only)
- Offers fictitious business name filings (8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.)
- Accepts domestic partnership statement filings
- Issues proof of voter registration (Abstracts)
- Provides voter registration forms
- Provides absentee ballot application forms

Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information regarding branch locations and services the public may visit the RR/CC website at www.lavote.net.

INTRODUCING....INKAVOTE PLUS!

InkaVote Plus is an enhancement to the InkaVote optical scan paper-based voting system used in Los Angeles County elections. The Plus includes two new features: a ballot reader and an audio ballot booth.

The new ballot reader checks the ballot for inadvertent errors. If no errors are detected, the voted ballot is accepted by the reader and automatically drops into the ballot box.

The InkaVote Plus system also includes an added benefit for voters with disabilities; an opportunity to vote privately and independently. Independent voting is possible through the second component to the InkaVote Plus equipment; the audio ballot booth (ABB). The ABB provides an independent and private voting experience for voters who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise disabled. Using a private audio headset, voters with visual or other disabilities indicate voting choices using a simple keypad. Once voting is complete, a paper ballot is printed. Audio voting may also be utilized by voters whose primary language is not English as the audio ballot is also available in other languages.

For more information on the InkaVote Plus system, please contact the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's information line at (562) 462-2716 or visit www.lavote.net.



REGISTER TO VOTE • (800) 815-2666

Can You Help?

If you are interested in working as a pollworker or offering a voting location, please call the Registrar Recorder/County Clerk Polls Section at (562) 466-1373 or visit the RR/CC website at www.lavote.net.

Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration (First Floor)

225 North Hill Street • Los Angeles, 90012

Toll-free: (888) 807-2111

Email: ttemail@ttc.lacounty.gov • Website: <http://ttc.lacounty.gov/>

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



CRITICAL PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES

Annual tax bills are mailed each year during the first week of October. If you do not receive your bill by November 1st, contact the Treasurer and Tax Collector immediately; State law still requires that you pay your bill on time. Your first Installment is due on November 1st and must be received or postmarked by December 10th. The Second Installment is due February 1st and must be received in our office or postmarked by April 10th. Payments not postmarked by the postmark due date are delinquent, so please mail your payment early to avoid any late payment penalties.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Besides being able to pay property taxes by check and credit cards (current and prior years), you can now make a payment online conveniently and securely using your checking account free of charge with Vcheck. For more information, go to <http://lacountypropertytax.com> and click <Payment Options>.

PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

If you are a senior citizen or a disabled person, there are programs available to postpone payment of your taxes or provide payment assistance. Please call (213) 974-7222 for more information from a Senior Citizen Representative.

There are special programs for military personnel and payment plans for delinquent taxes. Please call (888) 807-2111 for more information.

VOLUNTARY THIRD PARTY NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

In the event your property becomes tax defaulted and/or subject to sale due to a tax delinquency, you can designate a Third Party (e.g., a friend, family member, or agency) to receive copies of the default notices so they can remind you of your property tax obligation. Please call (213) 974-2111 or toll free at (888) 807-2111 for additional information. You can also complete and submit this application online at <http://ttc.lacounty.gov/>.

BUSINESS LICENSE INFORMATION

BUSINESS LICENSE

Certain types of business activities in the unincorporated area of the County require a County Business License. Please call (213) 974-2011 to determine if you need a license to operate your business.

Income Tax Assistance

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services provides funding to Broad Spectrum Community Development Corporation to Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

Services include:

- No-cost electronic filing
- Preparation of 1040EZ, 1040A, and 1040 with Schedules A and/or B
- Assistance with Advanced Earned Income Tax Credit
- Payment arrangements
- Extensions
- Prior year returns
- Opening of free bank account (call for site location)
- Financial Literacy Workshops (call for workshop time and location)



Staff has been trained by IRS and Franchise Tax Board professionals. Broad Spectrum is an authorized e-file provider for Federal and State returns. For more information, please contact Broad Spectrum Economic Development Corporation at (310) 693-6530.



Department of Consumer Affairs

500 W. Temple St., Room B-96 • Los Angeles, CA 90012
Toll-Free Number (800) 593-8222 • <http://lacountydca.info>

The Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) is the largest local consumer protection agency in the United States providing you assistance with consumer and business concerns. All of DCA's services are **FREE**.

SERVICES OFFERED INCLUDE:

Consumer Protection (800) 593-8222

Counselors answer questions about purchases, credit, automobiles, landlord tenant, identity theft and other consumer problems. DCA will investigate your complaint or provide counseling and referrals.

Small Claims Advisors (213) 974-9759

DCA can help you with a Small Claims Court case. Advisors will give you the information you need to:

- Get your case started
- Serve court papers
- Prepare for court
- Collect or pay a judgment

Real Estate Fraud and Homeowner Assistance (800) 973-3370

DCA provides counseling, investigates complaints, and serves as the central reporting agency for real estate fraud. DCA can help you with problems concerning:

- A home purchase or sale
- Contractors
- Undeveloped land sales
- Refinancing
- Real estate fraud
- Foreclosure

Dispute Settlement Service (213) 974-0825

Instead of going to court, neutral and unbiased mediators can help you resolve disputes with neighbors, businesses, and others.

Senior Abuse and Fraud Protection

(213) 974-9778

Staff investigates cases of financial fraud and abuse against seniors. This effort is in partnership with the Department of Community and Senior Services. "Smarter Senior Forums" are also conducted to educate the public about:

- Elder abuse
- Independence and safety at home
- Fraud, scams, and identity theft

Volunteer and Intern Opportunities

(213) 974-9740

DCA offers rewarding opportunities for volunteers and interns to work with consumer affairs professionals. Volunteers and interns assist staff with consumer counseling, mediation, investigations, and special projects.

Public Information and Community Outreach

(213) 974-9750

DCA takes consumer outreach and education seriously by providing:

- Speakers for groups and events
- Information by telephone 24/7
- Tipsheets on a wide range of consumer issues.
- Extensive web resources at the newly enhanced Website <http://lacountydca.info>

10 Ways to Protect Yourself From Identity Theft!

- Shred bank and credit card statements.
- Review your credit card and bank statements as soon as you get them. If you do not recognize charges, dispute them immediately.
- Review your credit report at least once a year. You may obtain a free credit report at www.annualcreditreport.com or by calling (877) 332-8228.
- Collect your mail right away. Do not send bill payments from home. Thieves can steal outgoing mail that contains your financial information.
- Guard your Social Security and Driver's License number. Do not carry your Social Security card or number in your wallet.
- Always take receipts. Do not leave ATM, credit card or gas station receipts behind.
- Keep an eye on your credit card. Criminals can use small devices called skimmers to collect information on your card.
- Be careful about providing your financial information. If a sales person or cashier asks for your Social Security Number or Driver's License number, ask why the information is needed. Then ask about their privacy policy. Will your information be shared with others?
- Do not give out personal financial information over the telephone, especially if you did not initiate the transaction.
- Get off the telemarketer's list. To do this, register with the "Do Not Call Registry" at (888) 382-1222 or www.donotcall.gov.

Department of Consumer Affairs

500 W. Temple St., Room B-96 • Los Angeles, CA 90012
Toll-Free Number (800) 593-8222 • <http://lacountydca.info>

Know Your Loan: Avoid the Looming Threat of Foreclosure

Foreclosure activity is rising quickly in California. Many homeowners are in danger of losing their homes. As home sales slow down and prices flatten out, more homeowners are defaulting on their mortgage loans and they might not have the equity to refinance or sell their homes to avoid foreclosure.

IT'S A GROWING PROBLEM

A recent report showed that notices of default, the first step of the foreclosure process, jumped 145% in the fourth quarter of last year compared to the same period in 2005.

ARMED?

YOU'D BETTER BE READY

More than 20% of recent buyers took an Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM). These loans keep early payments low and are easier to qualify for, but with interest rates rising, an ARM can cause big trouble. Many people who took Adjustable Rate Mortgages over the last few years can no longer make the payments.

UNDERSTAND THE FINE PRINT

If you have an ARM, you will likely face rising payments soon. If you're uncertain about the terms your loan, you're not alone. A study last year by the Mortgage Banking Association showed nearly one fourth of ARMs buyers didn't know what they were getting into. It's time to get prepared! Read the details of your loan:

- How much can your lender vary the interest rate of the loan?
- Can you modify the terms of the loan?

KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

The foreclosure process can begin after just one missed payment, so if you might have trouble making payments when rates adjust, take these steps:

- Do what you can now to avoid missing a payment. Reduce extra spending. Ask for a raise. Get a better or a second job. Save more, etc.
- Talk to your lender. Mortgage firms, including Bank of America and Citigroup, have recently stepped up efforts to help borrowers in need.
- Consider refinancing your home and getting a fixed-rate mortgage.
- Consider selling your home.
- Beware of scams. People or companies may try to take advantage of your financial troubles. Seek out professional assistance.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Let the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Real Estate Fraud and Information Unit help you. Our staff can provide counseling on the terms of your loan and the steps needed to avoid foreclosure. To contact a DCA real estate expert, call (800) 973-3370.

EMERGENCY *Shelter Hotline*

(800) 548-6047
(800) 339-6993

VICTIM-WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VWAP)

<http://www.lacountyda.org/vwap>

If you or someone you know has been a victim of a crime and needs assistance, call VWAP's central office at (213) 974-7499 or the toll free number (800) 773-7574.

DCA PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING TIPS ON Hiring a Contractor

Whether you need a contractor for a major remodeling job, or simply for minor improvements or repairs, do the following:

1. CHECK THE CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE

Call the California Contractors State License Board (CSLB) at **(800) 321-2752**. They license contractors who do home improvements or repairs costing \$500 or more.

2. ONLY HIRE A LICENSED CONTRACTOR

Licensed contractors must post a \$10,000 bond with the state. You can file a claim against their bond if you have problems with the work they do.

3. GET THREE BIDS

It's important to shop around before hiring a contractor. Ask for references. Visit the homeowners they have done work for and review the quality of the work. Ask the homeowner if the work was done on time and if problems were resolved satisfactorily.

4. AVOID HIGH-PRESSURE SALES TACTICS

Statements like, "this price is only good today" are rarely true. Don't sign a contract before you've had time to think it over or get other bids.

5. GET A WRITTEN CONTRACT

Once you've hired a contractor, make sure the contract states:

- The job that will be done
- The full price it will cost
- When the job will be completed
- What building materials are included

Read the contract carefully. Do not sign if you do not understand it. All promises should be written in the contract.

6. YOU HAVE THREE DAYS TO CANCEL

You can cancel within three business days of signing the contract. Send the contractor a written notice of cancellation by certified mail to the address listed on the contract. You cannot cancel by telephone.

7. KEEP THE DOWN PAYMENT SMALL

Contractors can only collect a down payment of \$1,000 or 10% of the total cost, whichever is less.

8. SCHEDULE YOUR PAYMENTS

Make sure you pay based on work that has been completed. Do not let your payments get ahead of the work actually completed.

If you are not satisfied with the work, file a complaint with CSLB at **(800) 321-2752**. If you don't pay your contractor, they can file a mechanic's lien on your property.

9. NEVER PAY CASH

You won't have proof of payment. Pay with checks, money orders, or credit cards. Keep records of all payments you've made.

10. KNOW WHEN TO MAKE YOUR FINAL PAYMENT

Make sure you are satisfied with the work before signing a Completion Certificate. Don't make the final payment until the job is completely finished.

Did you know?

Low interest government loans are available to low and moderate-income homeowners for home improvements and repairs. For more information, call the Community Development Commission at **(800) 890-7239**.

For more information, call Homeowner Assistance at (800) 973-3370 or visit lacountydca.info

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

If you do not have health insurance, the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) can offer you medical care services.

DHS operates five hospitals, a multiservice ambulatory care center, six comprehensive health centers, and numerous health centers and clinics through the County's public/private partnership.

YOUR CLOSEST COUNTY HOSPITAL:

Martin Luther King, Jr.- Harbor Hospital

12021 Wilmington • Los Angeles 90059

(310) 668-4321

Hours:

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Inpatient/Outpatient services; Internal Medicine; General Medicine; Specialty Care

HEALTH CENTER SERVING THE ATHENS-WESTMONT COMMUNITY:

Ruth Temple Health Center

3834 S. Western • Los Angeles 90062

(323)730-3507

Hours:

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sexually Transmitted Disease Testing and Treatment,
Prenatal, Immunization



YOUR ATHENS-WESTMONT COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTERS ARE:

H. Claude Hudson Comprehensive Health Center

2829 S. Grand Ave. • Los Angeles 90007

(213) 744-4716

Hours:

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Urgent Care Clinic

Monday through Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight.

Primary Care; Gynecology; Obstetrics; Pediatrics;
Prenatal; Family Planning; Specialty Care

Hubert H. Humphrey Comprehensive Health Center

5850 S. Main St. • Los Angeles 90003

(323)846-4312

Hours:

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Urgent Care Clinic

Monday through Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight.
Schedule includes weekends.

Primary Care; Gynecology; Obstetrics; Prenatal; Women's Health; Dental; Urgent Care; HIV/AIDS Testing & Counseling; Specialty Care

Your Health and Safety is Important to the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH!

Environmental Health

5050 Commerce Drive • Baldwin Park, CA 91706

General Information: (626) 430-5200



The Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division is responsible for protecting health and preventing disease by enforcing public health laws regarding food, water, housing and the environment. Environmental Health conducts inspections of apartment complexes and investigates complaints on private homes related to vermin infestation, leaky plumbing, mold, lack of running water, un-maintained or unsanitary swimming pools, waste water discharge, broken windows, and damaged walls, floors and ceilings. In addition, to residential locations, Environmental Health inspects restaurants, food markets, bakeries, laundries, hotels/motels, catering trucks and carnivals.

For inquiries regarding residential housing or self-service laundries in the Athens-Westmont area, please contact the South Housing office at (310) 519-6060. For inquiries regarding restaurants, food markets or bakeries, please contact the Southeast Office at (323) 235-7009. For all other inquiries, please contact the Environmental Health Division Hotline at (888) 700-9995 or visit www.lapublichealth.org/eh.

Illegal Food Vendors - KNOW THE LAW!

The Vehicle Inspection Program within the Department of Public Health is responsible for enforcing state Health and Safety Codes pertaining to Mobile Food Preparation Units and Mobile Food Facilities within Los Angeles County.

In addition to the licensed vendors, the Vehicle Inspection Program conducts inspections of food vendors who sell food on the street without a Public Health Permit. These vendors who prepare, store, or sell food without a permit are doing so on unapproved equipment, without proper refrigeration, without adequate overhead protection, or without a sanitary means of washing their hands. Food prepared under these conditions can create serious health risks to you and your children.



According to the Center for Disease Control, approximately 76 million people in the United States get sick every year from unhealthy food. Over 325,000 of these people must be hospitalized, and 5,000 of those illnesses result in death.

Well, you say, *"It won't happen to me."* *"I've been eating food from these vendors all of my life, and I never got sick."* Why take the chance with your life? Why put your children at risk?

Think about where this food is purchased, stored, or prepared. *Has it been refrigerated or cooked to the proper temperature? Where do the vendors wash their hands?*

Always remember that your health and safety is important to the County and to the Inspectors working in the Vehicle Inspection Program.

For questions regarding the law, to request an inspection of a specific vehicle, or to report a food vendor who may be selling food without a Public Health Permit, you may call the Vehicle Inspection Program at (626) 430-5500, access the Internet at www.lapublichealth.org/eh, or by E-mail at ehmail@ladhs.org.

Department of Regional Planning

320 West Temple Street, Room 1355-
Los Angeles, California 90012
(213) 974-6483



ZONING ENFORCEMENT IN ATHENS-WESTMONT

While there are many causes of neighborhood deterioration, one important and preventable factor is the illegal use of land. Some common violations in Athens-Westmont involve:

Single Family Residence Split into Multiple Units/Unpermitted Additions: Changes to an existing property must conform to County Zoning Ordinance requirements.

Garage Conversions: Using your garage for anything other than the storage of operable vehicles is a misdemeanor in the unincorporated area.

Recreational Vehicles: RVs may not be parked on a driveway, next to a driveway or anywhere within any of the required yard areas. RVs parked legally on private property may not be used for storage or habitation. They can not be hooked up to electricity or sewerage for any length of time.

Unapproved Business Signs: There are many requirements regarding business signs in commercial zones including the size of the sign, its placement on the building, the materials from which it's made, and how it's maintained. All banners, streamers and portable signs are prohibited.

If you know of a situation that might be unsafe or that may be otherwise having a negative impact in your community, please call **2-1-1** to report the violation.

You have the opportunity to contribute to improving the community in which you live by actively participating in the planning process. Zoning Enforcement offers you the quickest and easiest way to encourage positive development in your neighborhood and create visible improvement on your block.

SAFELY SURRENDERED PROGRAM

The County Board of Supervisors approved a plan that allows new mothers to safely surrender an unwanted newborn at any Los Angeles County fire station or hospital emergency room, with no questions asked. If you know of someone who may be at-risk of abandoning a baby, that person may call the Safe Surrender Hotline for information, counseling and referrals. The hotline is available 24 hours a day and is staffed by professionals who speak more than 160 languages. You may also visit the Website at www.babysafela.org for more information or call the SAFELY SURRENDERED 24 HOUR HOTLINE at (877) BABY-SAFE or (877) 222-9723



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works offers a broad range of services to Athens-Westmont including, building design, construction, operation, maintenance, and repair of roads, sewers, water supply, flood control and other capital projects. Some examples of Public Works services include:

- Inspection/resurfacing of roadways and pothole repair
- Inspection and repair of parkways
- Permanent repair of concrete sidewalk/curb and gutter
- Tree trimming
- Traffic striping, markings, raised pavement marker maintenance
- Graffiti abatement

Please see the At-A-Glance Directory on Page 34 for phone numbers related to the above issues.

TALKING TRASH

ATHENS/WOODCREST/OLIVITA GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

As a customer of the Athens/Woodcrest/Olivita Garbage Disposal District you may want to know...

DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED MATERIALS

- **Bulky items** such as furniture, refrigerators, mattresses, and other large items, will be collected in unlimited quantities at no charge. Call United Pacific Waste at (866) 699-7600 for an appointment.
- **Electronic Waste (E-Waste)** such as televisions, computers, telephones, radios, stereo equipment, appliances, and other electronic devices will be collected in unlimited quantities at no charge. Call United Pacific Waste at (866) 699-7600 for an appointment.
- **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)** such as paints, pesticides, cleaners, motor oil and other hazardous material shall NOT be deposited into the containers. Store your HHW in a sturdy box, and call the toll-free County of Los Angeles Hotline at (888) CLEAN-LA or visit www.888CleanLA.com for FREE collection event information.



ILLEGAL DUMPING

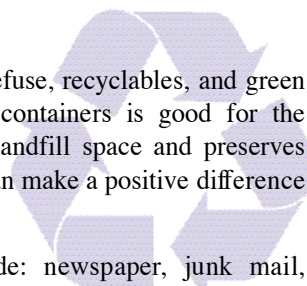
Illegal Dumping is any unauthorized disposal of waste on public or private property (including alleys and sidewalks). The County is committed to reducing the occurrence of illegal dumping, which is punishable by a fine up to \$10,000 and up to six months in jail. To report instances of illegal dumping, call (877) SWEEP-LA or visit www.888CleanLA.com, and click on the illegal dumping link to file a confidential report. You can also find other information and resources to prevent illegal dumping on the Department's illegal dumping website, linked to www.888CleanLA.com.

RECYCLING

Separately depositing your refuse, recyclables, and green waste into their respective containers is good for the environment. It conserves landfill space and preserves our natural resources. You can make a positive difference by recycling!

Recyclable materials include: newspaper, junk mail, magazines, phone books, cardboard boxes, plastic containers, juice cartons, milk jugs, glass jars, aluminum cans, and more.

For additional information, contact the Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division at (800) 404-4487, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.





LA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Lennox Station

4331 Lennox Boulevard • Lennox, CA 90304

(310) 671-7531

www.lasd.org

For emergencies, CALL 9-1-1!



*Kevin A. Goran,
Captain*

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Lennox Station is the primary law enforcement agency serving the Athens-Westmont community. The Lennox Station is responsible for responding to calls for service, crime prevention, investigation of criminal activities and also providing community and youth programs through the Lennox Youth Activity Center, located at 11911 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles 90044. To report a crime or suspicious activity, please contact the Lennox Sheriff's Station.

Lennox Youth Activity Center

11911 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles 90044

(323) 242-8784

The Lennox Youth Activity League (YAL) is a program offered through Lennox Youth Activity Center; which provides Athens-Westmont area youth a safe-haven to learn, play, and grow by offering services in the areas of mentoring, youth forums, sports/athletic events, counseling, and academic assistance. Please call Lennox Youth Activity Center for more information on programs.

Aerobics

12 and older

A high energy, fun way to get your heart pumping, tone your muscles and strengthen your entire body. By targeting all the areas of the body, you will be pleased with the look and feel of a new you.

Mondays and Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ballet Folklorico

7 to 17 years

Come and learn Mexican Folk Dancing.

Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Girl's Social Club

9 to 17 years

Focus on issues such as peer pressure, etiquette, drug and alcohol awareness, character building, leadership skills, and academic achievement.

Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Karate

7 to 17 years

Learn Martial Arts, concentrating on "Shorei Ryu" style.

Mondays and Wednesdays 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Boxing

10 to 17 years

Learn basic boxing skills.

Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tutoring/Computer Training

7 to 12 years

Structured homework assistance, supporting local elementary and middle schools.

Monday through Wednesday 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursdays 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Weightlifting

12 to 17 years

Teen-focus for introduction to body conditioning and proper nutrition.

Wednesdays and Fridays 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Lennox Gents

9 to 17 years

A brother program to the Girl's Social Club, providing leadership skills, mentoring, guidance and counseling for young men.

Mondays 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Reading Program

6 to 12 years

Through headphones, workbooks and tapes, participants will strengthen reading and comprehension skills.

Monday through Thursday 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Music Program

6 to 12 years

Learn to read music and play various musical instruments.

Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Lennox Youth Activity Center

(Continued)

Skate Park

8 to 17 years

Learn how to skateboard and ride the skate park ramps. Skateboards and safety equipment (helmets, knee and elbow pads) are provided.

Deputy Sheriff Explorer

14 to 21 years

Glimpse into the life and responsibilities of a law enforcement officer. After completion of academy training, Deputy Sheriff Explorers assist deputies by performing non-hazardous duties.

Annual Community Events

The events held at the Lennox Youth Activity Center include:

Safety Day - March 2008

Personnel from the Lennox Youth Activity Center, along with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the Los Angeles County Fire Department, conduct safety presentations for the Lennox YAL Program participants and local community members. The Los Angeles County Fire Department will provide a Fire Safety lecture and equipment demonstration. CHP conducts Child Safety Seat Inspections.

Haunted House - October 2007

A section of the Lennox Youth Activity Center is transformed into a haunted house.

Christmas Carnival - December 2007

The attractions include: pony rides, petting zoo, and various carnival rides. Children 12 and under receive a gift from "Santa Claus." The event is held to bring the community and members of the Sheriff's Department together to celebrate the holidays.

Other Programs/Services

Volunteer Program

Volunteers are community members who are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for the community. They assist with youth programs through reading, tutoring and coaching of area youth. Volunteers also help with special events and participate in the Volunteers on Patrol program.

Clergy Council

The Clergy Council are dedicated community members who have partnered with law enforcement to improve the quality of life in our communities. Their mission is to improve the relationship between the community and law enforcement through faith-based organizations, by identifying citizen's concerns and acting as an advocate for both the community and law enforcement. The Clergy Council also provides additional services such as grief counseling, assistance with special events, domestic violence counseling and gang awareness.

If you are interested in participating in any of the adult or youth programs, or if you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Club, please call (323) 242-8784.

California Highway Patrol

6300 Bristol Parkway • Culver City, CA 90230

(310) 642-3939

Traffic enforcement and accident investigations in Athens-Westmont are provided by the California Highway Patrol. If you have any questions related to traffic violations, accident reports, and vehicle impound, please contact the CHP at the number listed above.





The Los Angeles County Police

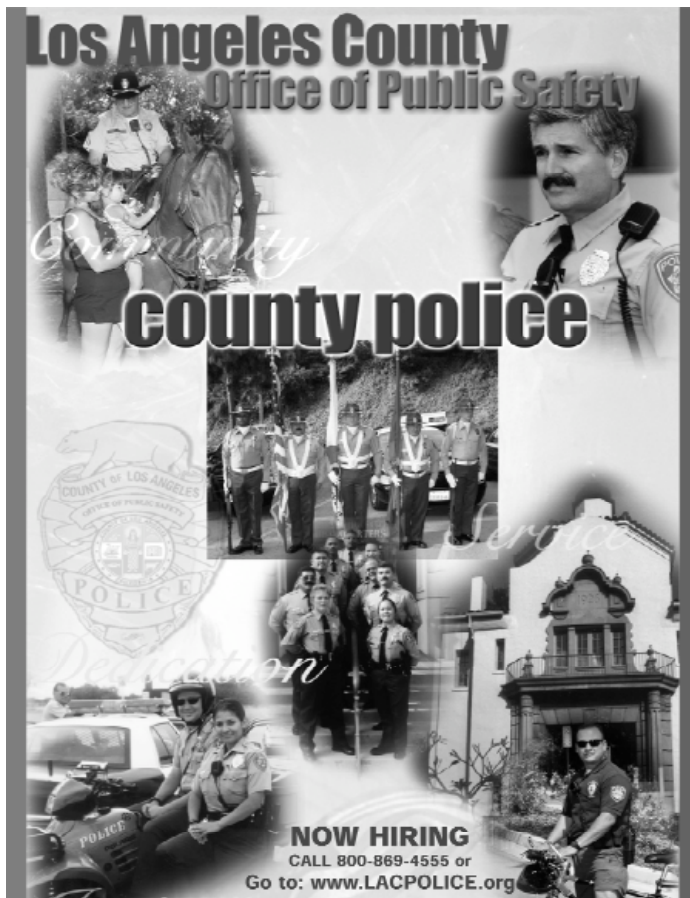
"Dedicated to the Community We Serve"

The Los Angeles County Police is responsible for providing law enforcement and security services to County Facilities including parks, beaches, performing arts facilities, and hospitals. The Los Angeles County Police has 500 sworn officers who patrol by foot, bicycle, vehicle, quad runner, horseback, and boat. During emergencies such as civil disturbances and public demonstrations, the Department is also responsible for law enforcement services at these facilities. All sworn members of this Department go through a Peace Officers Standards and Training program to prepare them for their role as law enforcement officers.



To report crimes that occur at County Parks or other County facilities, you can call (800) 834-0064.

The Los Angeles County Police provide law enforcement services through three Bureaus of the Department. The **Health Services Bureau** provides law enforcement service to Los Angeles County's five major hospitals and approximately 35 health centers, including the Martin Luther King Jr.-Harbor Hospital.



The **Facilities Services Bureau** patrols in and around County facilities, including County Libraries, Department of Public Social Services offices, and the Los Angeles County Civic Center.

The **Parks Services Bureau** serves the County's parks, regional recreation areas and performing art facilities such as the Hollywood Bowl and John Anson Ford Amphitheatre.

Officers patrol your local area community parks to ensure your safety at these facilities. Report crimes or suspicious activities occurring at any of these facilities by calling (800) 834-0064.

THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY POLICE IS NOW HIRING!

If you think you have what it takes to become a Los Angeles County Police Officer and want a rewarding career serving your local community, contact the Recruitment Unit at (562) 940-7228 or visit our Website www.lacpolice.org.

Los Angeles County Office of Public Safety LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Los Angeles County Police South Station sponsors Explorer Post 212. The Law Enforcement Explorer Program (LEEP) is a worksite-based program and is part of the Learning for Life's career education program for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years old.

The Explorer Program emphasizes five areas:

- Career opportunities
- Life skills
- Character development
- Citizenship
- Leadership experience

The Program is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth and community organizations. Local community-based organizations initiate a specific Explorer post by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, and develop.

Uniformed Police Explorers work in non-hazardous assignments in the police agency and in the community. Work assignments include a variety of activities, such as working at community events, working at recruiting events and serving as hosts at Los Angeles County Police functions. Explorers are not compensated but are completely insured while in training and on duty.

Applicants must be between the ages of 14 and 18. Parents must be willing to sign a General Liability Release Form indicating approval to participate in the Program. Applicants must be in good health, with no physical or medical problems. They must be of good moral character with no arrest or conviction records for serious offenses. Each applicant will be evaluated individually for compliance with these requirements.

Join today! For more information call our office.



Office of the District Attorney

210 West Temple Street, Suite 18000

Los Angeles, CA 90012

(213) 974-3512 • www.lacountyda.org



“PROTECTING OUR KIDS” - KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ON THE INTERNET

Much like the real world, the World Wide Web can be an inviting but dangerous place for children. Young people with unmonitored access to the Internet are exposed to a wide variety of risks, some of them life-threatening. When it comes to where and with whom our kids are allowed to play, what they watch on TV, and how they interact with strangers, responsible parents naturally exercise caution and oversight. We should be just as vigilant in safeguarding our children's Internet activities.

The Internet offers many benefits to children including valuable educational resources and communication tools, but it also offers kids easy access to a variety of objectionable and even dangerous material.

As a result, the District Attorney's Office has created the “Protecting Our Kids” program to help parents and other

concerned adults safeguard the Internet activities of young people. **Protecting Our Kids** gives parents, school librarians, and other adults in charge of supervising children's online computer activities the tools needed to protect kids from online predators and prevent them from engaging in Internet crime.

“Protecting Our Kids” can be accessed from the District Attorney's Website at www.lacountyda.org. There, you can download pamphlets on Internet safety and read about:

- Real cases of internet crime
- Parental control of the computer
- Megan's Law
- Instant messaging
- Newsgroups
- Blogs
- Chats
- Online games
- Juvenile crime online and parental liability



County of Los Angeles Fire Department

Fire Station #14

1401 West 108th Street • Los Angeles, CA 90047

(323) 756-9900

www.lacofd.org



Home Fire Safety Tips

If you see smoke or fire, call **9-1-1** immediately.

SMOKE DETECTOR SAFETY

- Install a smoke detector on every floor and inside each bedroom of your home.
- Test and clean your smoke detectors monthly.
- Change batteries at least once a year.
- Prepare and practice an escape plan.
- Know two ways out of every room, including bedrooms.



CHILDREN AND FIRE SAFETY

- Keep lighters and matches away from children.
- Teach children how to call for emergency assistance.
- Use safety plugs in electrical outlets.

COOKING SAFETY

- Never leave food unattended on the stove.
- Keep dangling clothing away from burners.
- Keep appliances clean and free of grease and crumbs.
- Keep combustibles away from cooking areas.
- Turn pot handles inward on stove where you can't bump them and children can't grab them.

ROOF

- Remove dead branches from roof.
- Clean dead leaves from roof and rain gutters.
- Cover chimney outlet with a spark arrestor.

PORTABLE HEATERS

- Keep portable heaters and space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn.
- Never leave heaters on when you leave home or go to bed.
- Use heaters only in well-ventilated rooms.
- Keep children and pets away from heaters.
- Place heaters where they will not be knocked over easily.

WOOD STOVES AND FIREPLACES

- Use only seasoned wood—never green wood, artificial logs or trash.
- Always use a protective screen.
- Clean interior of fireplaces and chimneys annually.

JOIN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S EXPLORER PROGRAM!

Did you know that as young adult between the ages of 15 to 21 you can learn about a career in the fire service? The Los Angeles County Fire Department offers an Explorer Program in a joint venture with the Boy Scouts of America. In addition to learning about the fire service, the Explorer program's main goal is to provide young adults with a sense of responsibility to their neighborhood through on-going community related activities.

The 25 youth who are accepted in the Explorer Program each year will be trained by professional firefighters and will learn: fire fighting skills, hose lay evolutions, ladder techniques, salvage operations, wildland fire fighting procedures, proper use of fire fighting tools and equipment, breathing apparatus use and other subjects.

Upon completion of the program, trained explorers will be qualified to ride along on an engine, truck or paramedic squad and respond to actual fires and medical emergencies. Explorers are also involved in various community service activities.

Join the team that is dedicated to saving lives and property and serving the community. For further information, please visit www.lacofd.org or call the Public Affairs Section at (323) 881-2411.

Access Services



Access Paratransit is an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) mandated public transportation service for people unable to use regular bus or light rail services in Los Angeles County. Access Paratransit service is a curb-to-curb shared ride program and requires an in-person certification interview in order to become a registered rider.

How to become a certified

Access Paratransit Rider:

Call Access Customer Service at **(800) 827-0829**
TTD (800) 827-1359

Operators available Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

How to reserve a ride:

Call Access Paratransit Reservations at **(800) 883-1295**

Hours of Operation:

Access Paratransit operates seven days a week, 24 hours of the day in most areas of Los Angeles County.

Fares:

Base fares are distance-based and range from **\$1.80 to \$2.70** for each one-way trip. Please call **(800) 827-0829** for specific fare information.

NEW LATE NIGHT REDUCED FARES

As of July 1, 2006, from 9:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.,
all Access Paratransit trips will cost \$1.50.

Get Additional Information on ADA Accessible Transportation Options in Athens-Westmont

For additional specialized public and private transportation service information, call ACCESS RIDE INFO at **(800) 431-7882**, (TDD 800-431-9731) Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and a specialist will provide you information on public and private providers with ADA accessible transportation options, including local dial-a-rides, in Los Angeles County.

HOLLYWOOD BOWL PARK-AND-RIDE

Park and Ride allows you to park in your neighborhood and ride directly to the Bowl during the Hollywood Bowl season. Following each performance, those same buses will speed you on your way homeward - no parking headaches, no traffic jams. Buy your tickets in advance to ensure priority boarding!

- Only \$2.50 each way (available in advance; exact change on site)
- Convenient locations!
- Parking: FREE
- Buy your Park and Ride Tickets Online (sold as \$5 round trip tickets)

Advance Park and Ride tickets are available through Ticketmaster outlets **(213) 480-3232**, at the Hollywood Bowl Box Office **(323) 850-2000**, and online at **www.hollywoodbowl.com** (There is no service fee when ordering Park and Ride tickets at the Box Office or online).

Passengers with pre-purchased Park and Ride tickets will be given boarding preference, provided they arrive no later than five minutes prior to their ticketed departure time. All Park and Ride buses are wheelchair accessible.

THE NEAREST PARK AND RIDE IS LOCATED AT:

Westchester Shopping Center
6212 West Manchester Avenue
(between Sepulveda Boulevard
and La Tijera).

Departure Times:
6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

LA County Dial-A-Ride

WHO CAN RIDE?

For just 25 cents per one-way trip, Seniors (60+) and persons with disabilities who reside within the unincorporated County area of Athens can take advantage of transportation services through Dial-A-Ride. First time seniors and riders with disabilities are required to show their ID to the driver to verify eligibility. If the driver cannot visually verify disability, then the driver may request a letter from a physician describing the disability. The vehicles are wheelchair accessible and escorts of eligible persons with disabilities will not be charged a fare.

One may travel within the unincorporated area and up to three miles beyond the service area. Satellites points outside of the three mile boundary are Kaiser facilities (Bellflower, Downey, Harbor, and Rosecrans).

Days and Hours of Service:

Monday through Friday: 7:00 am to 5:30 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Sunday: No Service

Service is not provided on the following Holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day.

For additional information or to reserve a trip, call Southland Transit at **(323) 563-5653**.

2-1-1 (24 Hour Information and Referral Service)

2-1-1

Air Quality Concerns (800) 288-7664

Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (626) 575-5472

Animal Care and Control (310) 523-9566

Board of Supervisors

General Information (Second District) (213) 974-2222

Second District Field Office (213) 974-1028

California High Patrol (CHP)

CHP Non-Emergency (24 Hours) (323) 906-3434

CHP Culver City Office (310) 642-3939

(Monday-Friday) 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Traffic Accidents 9-1-1

Children Services

Child Abuse Hotline (800) 540-4000

Child Care Hotline/CalWorks (877) 244-5399

Child Support Services (323) 890-9800

Community and Senior Services

Adult Protective Services (213) 351-5401

Area Agency on Aging (213) 738-4004

Elder Abuse Hotline (877) 477-3646

Consumer Concerns

Consumer Affairs (800) 593-8222

Scanner Overcharge (562) 940-8911

Complaints-Utility Meters and Scales (562) 940-8911

Crisis Intervention

Domestic Violence Hotline (800) 978-3600

2-1-1 (24 Hour Information and Referral Service) 2-1-1

Employment

County of Los Angeles

24-Hour Job Hotline (800) 970-5478

Los Angeles Urban League WorkSource

Business and Career Center (323) 600-1106

Environmental Health

24-Hour Hotline (888) 700-9995

Food Vending on Street (626) 430-5500

Housing Complaints (310) 519-6060

Insect/Vector (rats, mice) Control (310) 519-6060

Retail Food Inspections (Restaurants) (323) 235-7009

Garbage/Waste Collection

United Pacific Waste (Hauler) (866) 699-7600
Garbage Disposal District (800) 404-4487

Graffiti Abatement

Graffiti Removal Request (800) 675-4357
Caltans-Freeway Walls and Signs (213) 897-3656

Health Centers

Hubert Humphrey
 Comprehensive Health Center (323) 846-4312
H. Claude Hudson
 Comprehensive Health Center (213) 744-3945
Martin Luther King, Jr.-Harbor Hospital (310) 668-4321
Ruth Temple Health Center (323) 730-3507
South Health Center (323) 583-4053

Housing

Housing Authority (562) 347-4663
Home Ownership Program (323) 890-7281
Home Rehabilitation Grants
 and Loans (323) 890-7239
Homeless Services (213) 683-3333
Emergency Shelter 2-1-1
Winter Shelter Hotline (800) 548-6047

Juror Services

(213) 974-5811

Libraries

Woodcrest Library (323) 757-9373

Parks and Recreation

Helen Keller Park (323) 241-6702
Jesse Owens Park (323) 241-6704
Kenneth Hahn Recreation Area (323) 298-3660
Maggie Hathaway Golf Course (323) 755-6285
Chester Washington Golf Course (323) 756-6975

Public Safety

Emergencies 9-1-1
County Police Dispatch (parks) (800) 834-0064
Fire Department Public Information (323) 881-2411
Lennox Sheriff Station (310) 671-7531

Public Social Services

Southwest Family District Office #83 (310) 419-5570
Southwest Special District Office #08 (323) 420-2833
In-Home Supportive Services Office #77 (310) 349-5600

Public Works

Abandoned Shopping Carts (800) 252-4613
Building and Safety (323) 586-6541
Road Maintenance (310) 649-5123
Sewer Maintenance (800) 675-4357
Sidewalks, Curbs, and Gutters (310) 649-5123
Street Light Maintenance (Edison) (800) 611-1911
Street Light Requests (626) 300-4726
Traffic Signal Maintenance-24 hr. Hotline (800) 675-4357
Tree Maintenance (310) 348-6448
Traffic Safety (investigations) (626) 300-4708
Emergencies for all Public Works Issues (800) 675-4357

Regional Planning

General Information (213) 974-6411
Code Enforcement (213) 974-6483
 or dial 2-1-1

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Birth/Death/Marriage Records (310) 727-6142
Real Estate Recording/Voter Registration
 Voter Registration Information (800) 815-2666

Utilities

Southern California Edison (800) 655-4555
Emergency Line (800) 611-1911
Southern California Gas Company
 Residential Customers (800) 427-2200
 Commercial Customers (800) 427-2000
Self-Service Option (800) 772-5050
Golden State Water Company (800) 999-4033

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Schools

Los Angeles Unified School District 8 (310) 354-3400
95th Street Elementary School (323) 756-1466
West Athens Elementary School (323) 756-9114
Woodcrest Elementary School (323) 756-1371
Clay Middle School (323) 757-4181
Washington Prep. High School (323) 757-9281

Colleges

Los Angeles Southwest College (323) 241-5225

Transportation

Access Services (800) 827-0829
Commuter Action Network (800) 266-6883
Dial-A-Ride (323) 563-5653
Metro Bus and Rail Info. (800) 266-6883

County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan

COUNTY VISION

Our **purpose** is to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County by providing responsive, efficient, and high quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of individuals, families, businesses and communities.

Our **philosophy** of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in our shared values:

- **A can-do attitude** – we approach each challenge believing that, together, a solution can be achieved.
- **Accountability** – we accept responsibility for the decisions we make and the actions we take.
- **Compassion** – we treat those we serve and each other in a kind and caring manner.
- **Commitment** – we always go the extra mile to achieve our mission.
- **Integrity** – we act consistent with our values.
- **Professionalism** – we perform to a high standard of excellence.
- **Respect for diversity** – we value the uniqueness of every individual and their perspective.
- **Responsiveness** – we take the action needed in a timely manner.

Our **position** as the premiere organization for those working in the public interest is established by:

- A capability to undertake programs that have public value,
- An aspiration to be recognized through our achievements as the model for civic innovation, and a pledge to always work to earn the public trust.

COUNTY MISSION

To enrich lives through effective and caring service.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

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| 1. Service Excellence | 5. Children and Families' Well-Being |
| 2. Workforce Excellence | 6. Community Services |
| 3. Organizational Effectiveness | 7. Health and Mental Health |
| 4. Fiscal Responsibility | 8. Public Safety |

County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

Gloria Molina
First District

Zev Yaroslavsky
Third District



Michael D. Antonovich
Fifth District

Yvonne B. Burke
Second District

Don Knabe
Fourth District

You can dial **2-1-1** to access information for emergency food and shelter, senior services, childcare, employment resources, report code enforcement problems, low-cost health care, alcohol and drug-related support, volunteer opportunities, and many other services. As a resident of the unincorporated area of Athens-Westmont, you can just simply dial **2-1-1** to access an array of municipal services, at no cost to you. The **2-1-1** information service is provided in many languages.



2-1-1 is operated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The information you provide to the resource advisors is confidential.

NOTE: In case of an emergency, you still must dial 9-1-1.

If you are unable to access **2-1-1** directly, please call (800) 339-6993 or visit the 211 LA County website at www.211LA.org



Usted puede marcar el **2-1-1** para tener acceso a información sobre alimentos y refugios de emergencia, servicios para personas de la tercera edad, cuidado de niños, recursos para empleos, reportar problemas relativos a la aplicación de los códigos, atención médica a bajo costo, apoyo relacionado con alcoholismo y drogadicción, oportunidades para voluntarios y muchos servicios más. Si reside en el área no incorporada de Athens-Westmont, puede llamar simplemente al **2-1-1** para tener acceso a una amplia selección de servicios municipales sin costo para usted. Se ofrece el servicio de información del **2-1-1** en muchos idiomas.

El servicio de **2-1-1** funciona las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana. La información que usted dé a los asesores de recursos es confidencial.

OBSERVACIÓN: En caso de emergencia, todavía debe marcar el 9-1-1.

Si no puede tener acceso directo al **2-1-1**, llame al (800) 339-6993 o visite el sitio web 211 del Condado de Los Angeles (www.211LA.org).